

God made the cat that man
may have the pleasure of
caressing the tiger.

(M. Méry.)



"Sometimes I think they understand every word we say"

Pussy, Pussy, here's a treat
I have bought some Pussi-Mete!
Packed with goodness through and through,
Made for Pussies just like you.
See, I've cut a biggish slice,
Bet you'll gulp it in a trice!
Yes, and I will give you more
Though it cost me one-and-four!
Come then, hungry Pussy! eat
Of this lovely Pussi-Mete !

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Pussy, Pussy, I declare
You do have a banquet there!
Read the label on the tin
Of the richness garnered in!
Protein, soya flour and fat,
Sodium nitrate - think of that -
Concentrate of barley malt,
Activated lime and salt!
Well, if that was meant for me
Not a crumb by now there'd be!

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Come then Pussy, draw a-near,
Greet the unseen with a cheer!
Everybody needs a change -
Greater joy from greater range!
What do they of England know
Who beyond it never go?
Sweet variety doth give
Color to the life we live!
Welcome night and welcome day
Blast you, try it anyway !!

(This poem was given to me
some years ago, author and
source unknown, though
possibly English. I would
like to know his or her
name, to say 'thank you'
for such remarkable under-
standing of Feline Food Fads
(Hon. Secretary.)

From the dawn of creation
the cat has known his
place, and kept it...he
alone attains to the Con-
templative Life, like
Buddha. He lives alone,
aloft, sublime...it was
for these reasons probably
that the cat was worshipped
by the ancient Egyptians.

(Andrew Lang.)

A VISIT TO THE GRACE PARK CATS' HOME, MELBOURNE.

Not one cat, not ten cats, not fifty cats, but hundreds of cats and delightful kittens of all sizes and kinds - and the colours ! they have to be seen en masse to be believed. Breeders would give large sums of money to obtain the beautiful mutations of colour and fur which met my eyes on a visit to the Cats home at Greensborough. Having seen them all, it would be almost impossible to chose a pet oneself. Most cat lovers would want to take them all! It is impossible to be other than deeply moved on seeing them together - I was both glad and sorry at the one time. Glad that so many had found sanctuary, sorry that so many other countless strays are unable to share their good fortune.

They came, a lovely, flowing tumble of fur, climbing over each other in their desire to lick my fingers and be stroked, to be something to somebody, even for a short while. I felt if I did not go soon, that I would never want to go. As I left, the moving words of Carl van Vechten came to me. "It is seemingly very simple, such a companionship depending on scarcely more than propinquity, a few actions, a touch of the cold, moist nose, a soft paw against the cheek, a few moments of romping, a warm, soft ball of fur curled on the knee".... Written in memory of his own loved "Feathers", they express the bond between owner and pet which every cat I saw would be capable of giving were they fortunate enough to have someone of their own to belong to.

Most of the inmates will never know the joys of a private home, but at Grace Park there is safety, food, attention, feline friends - under the circumstances, could they ask for more ? I think their purrs and friendship were somehow offered in thanks.

(C. Martin)

To Juniors - and grown-ups, too: Please continue to send in your cat stories, so that we can print them, and others can share the pleasure of your pet as well.

FROM MISS FLORENCE ROBSON, OF TASMANIAN ANIMAL
PROTECTION SOCIETY, HOBART. (KNOWN AS T.A.P.S.)

We found a glorious tortoiseshell three months old kitten in the bush; she was panic-stricken and crying frantically, but she came to us, accepted us at once and is now a personality-plus cat. She has a home to go to, but I do want to keep her; she has settled in here so well, and the dear little thing is an absolute joy.

Mrs. Mullan has written to tell us of the help a parsley patch gives to cats in ridding them of fleas when they lie amongst it. Some years ago in Melbourne this easily grown herb aided householders to free their homes of this summer pest during a plague. (Perhaps cat owners would need to grow two patches - one for puss and the other marked "Keep off - culinary use only".)

Did you know that protection after vaccination for Feline Enteritis is not immediate, but takes up to fourteen days to become complete? During this period the cat is at risk, and should be kept isolated. Protection after vaccination is not lifelong, and 'booster' vaccinations are recommended, especially for cats living in comparative isolation.

(With thanks to The Cat Protection Society of Victoria.)

HUMOROUS BOOKS ABOUT CATS:

"Dudley & Gilderoy" by Algernon Blackwood.

"Silly about Cats" edited by Marbeth Reed.

"How to live with a Calculating Cat" by Eric Gurney.

"Scatty" by né. (Cartoons.)

FOR JUNIORS:

This is a picture of Koki. I hope you love him as much as I do. (With love from Judy Quinlan). Judy sent a neatly printed letter, and a photo of her large, shining black cat.

My mother and I noticed a stray cat at my school one day about eighteen months ago. We took her some food and continued to feed her while we tried to find her a home, but you know how hard it is to place an adult cat. As a last attempt we asked the Headmistress if she could live at the School if we looked after her, and to our surprise she said yes. After a trip to the Vet. for desexing and immunising, Curly, (named after the school of course,) was installed as the official school cat at North Curl Curl Infants'. She visits the classrooms when the fancy takes her, probably to remind the children to put some cents into her money box for food. She eats Luv dog food because the chunks are bigger, and she wants to save our kangaroos. Curly has her own bed under the school, and an elastic collar with our telephone number. Here is one cat the Society will not have to worry about. (Paul Milgate, aged 8) Paul also sent a big photograph of Curly in a classroom.

IN MEMORIAM:

\$2 in Memory of Tom, dearly loved and sadly missed by his owner and many friends. He sleeps peacefully in the garden he loved so well.

\$1 in Memory of Tabitha Twitchett, killed in a road accident, our affectionate pet and companion for nearly 9 years.

CAT CARE:

Do NOT at any time, give puss aspirin or similar type of drug, as they can cause serious kidney damage and death. If you think your cat is sick enough to need dosing, then he is sick enough for expert Veterinary attention.

Though canned pet foods may be all that is claimed, always remember that for the sake of it's teeth, your cat needs something to chew, such as boned rabbit or fish and raw meat.

August, 1971.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Registered Charity CC.17122.
Post Office Box 31, ST. IVES. 2075.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 pm. ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1971, AT 161, CASTLEREAGH ST. CITY, (between Market
& Park Streets - First Floor.)

A G E N D A.

1. Apologies.
2. Welcome to new members.
3. Reading and confirmation of 1970 Minutes.
4. Business Arising from Minutes.
5. Correspondence and Business Arising.
6. Annual Report.
7. Presentation of audited Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1971-72.
9. Appointment of Auditor.
10. Notice of Motion from Mrs. E. B. Smith that under Section 4
of the Constitution she proposes to move the following addition:
"Any person, on payment of \$25 (twentyfive dollars)
be admitted as a Life Member of the Cat Protection
Society of New South Wales."
11. General Business.
 - i. Drawing of Raffle.
 - ii. Discontinuation of posting receipts.
 - iii.a. Irene Lean Memorial - election of Juniors' Sub-
iii.b. " " - Cats' pens. Committee.
 - iv. Other items.

Dear Member:

A warm welcome to new members, greetings and good wishes to all.
Our desexing campaign has had considerable impetus, and general activities
widened in the past year. Our many field workers have reported good
progress which has been aided by the purchase of additional equipment.
This has been used to its greatest advantage, enabling us to relieve
the sufferings of many more abandoned, sick and injured animals by clear-
ing up colonies of cats for whom there was no future. It is only by
the close co-operation of all concerned in rescue work that prompt
attention can be given to the plight of these unfortunates, and their
welfare is uppermost in our minds. Our Desexing Advertising Campaign
in suburban newspapers has produced very satisfying results, as the
following figures will show:

397 female cats 65 male cats 80 dogs.

whilst the number of authorities issued by Mrs. Powles was approx. 3500.
Please help spread our desexing message and thus help to control the
flood of unwanted cats and kittens - literature is always available.
Desexing ensures quieter, cleaner and more stay-at-home pets. Wild
life too, will benefit from fewer abandoned cats - again, man is to
blame for it's destruction. Abandonment is NOT the answer to the
unwanted, but desexing, coupled to the realization of the necessity
of humane disposal of unwanted animals by qualified Veterinarians is.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have so generously
given of their time, donated articles for raffles, and continuously
supported us in so many ways during the past year. One of our members,
a great cat lover has made a donation of \$500, for which we are most
grateful. However, to all our donors, large and small, I can but say
thank you on behalf of those who cannot speak themselves. I would
also like to thank those Veterinarians who by their generous co-operation
have so valuably assisted our cause. Thanks are also extended to the
members who expressed sympathy on the death by accident of Miss Lean.
A sub-Committee directed by Miss Robbins will be formed for the purpose
of teaching young folk the care and well-being of all animals, but
in our case, emphasising cats.

August, 1971.

The Committee of the three combined Societies have concluded their proposed amendments to the Cruelty to Animals Act, and these now await presentation to the Chief Secretary. We are indebted to Mr. W.G. Luton for the time and effort he has devoted to the cause of ever greater protection for animals through his association with this Committee.

We are pleased to announce that very attractive Christmas Greeting Cards will be on sale to members at the Annual Meeting. Priced at 10 cents each, \$1. per dozen or 10 for \$1 post free, we trust that members will obtain their cards early, and aid the Society's funds in a very appropriate way.

For those members who care to participate, we have instituted a special way of remembering our special pets with a "Pets' In Memoriam". This is not an appeal - see the current Newsletter - puss's and the donor's surname will be published or the surname omitted if desired; please state this when remitting. We hope that members avail themselves of this way of remembering their pets now no longer with them, and by so doing help those who have no one to remember them.

It is with regret that we notice that numerous members' subscriptions for the year ending 30 June 1970 are still outstanding. We realise how easy it is to put aside something for the moment and then overlook it entirely, but we DO need the support of every member to continue our humane work. Because of the high overall cost of distributing our Circulars the Committee decided by resolution that it will therefore not be possible to send any more of these to members still unfinancial at 30 September 1971. IMPORTANT: Only financial members are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Membership renewal forms are no longer sent.

Our thanks are due to Mr. R.C. Ratcliffe, B.V.Sc., for the most interesting and informative address which he gave at the special Meeting of Rescue Workers on March 6 1971. 22 members attended, and considerable benefit was derived by those present.

Attendances at the 11 Committee Meetings held during the year were:

Mrs. Taylor	9	Miss Lean	7 (deceased April 20.)
Mr. Luton	9	Mrs. Martin	4 (elected May 8.)
Mrs. Smith	11	Mr. Heath	6
Miss Robbins	10	Mrs. Heath	5 (co-opted Oct. elected
Mrs. Stellios	9	Miss Taylor	8 Nov.)

Get new members - distribute our desexing leaflets - can you help in any way ? telephone messages, transport, organise functions, raise funds - all your ideas are most welcome. Please send in your pet stories - new material is needed for the November Newsletter.

Have you obtained your blue and silver badge at 50 cents each, at the Meeting or by post.

I would finally like to pay tribute to all those whom for many reasons it is not possible to name individually, but who by their personal and collective efforts contribute so much to our never-ending work. To each and every one I can but say thank you again on behalf of our feline friends, and I look forward to another year of increased membership, renewed activities and further effort.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie M. Taylor.
PRESIDENT.

Did you know that :

In 1500BC a temple in Egypt was dedicated to the goddess Pasht, a woman with a cats head..
Confucius owned a cat about 500BC.
Around AD600 Mahommed is depicted preaching with a cat in his arms, while in AD1000 Henry the Fowler, King of Germany, imposed a heavy fine for killing cats, and the first Cat Show was held in England in 1871 - just one hundred years ago.